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GRADUATE SERVICES

SSHA Graduate Services is committed to providing information to graduate students that aligns with the academic year and provide resources. We understand that not everyone can attend the SSHA Virtual Office Hour due to scheduling. The SSHA Graduate Services Monthly Digest will provide highlights and events, important announcements for the upcoming month keeping all of our SSHA graduate students informed.

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Important December Deadlines

Fall 2020

Save the Dates!

Master's Students

Doctoral Students

Doctoral or Master's students' graduating Fall 2020; recommended date to file dissertation (Ph.D.) or thesis (Master's) with committee

December 11th

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Last Day to file Spring 2021 Advancement to Candidacy for Ph.D. or Master's students with Graduate Division

December 16th

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Master's students graduating Fall 2020; **Last Day** to file thesis and/or Final Report for Master Degree results with Graduate Division

December 18th

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Doctoral students graduating Fall 2020; **Last Day** to file dissertation and Report on Final Examination form with Graduate Division

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December 18th

SSHA Highlights



Grad Services Bolstered to Better Support Students Remotely

UC Merced's Graduate Division wish to ensure that students succeed academically by providing academic programs and resources. Follow the link to learn more about these resources.

[Read More](#)

UC Merced Rises To The Top 100

UC Merced is recognized as one of the top universities for both academic quality and ability to transform the lives of graduates. Click the link to view the rankings of UC Merced.

[Read More](#)

Two MacArthur Foundation Chairs Awarded to Female SSHA Faculty

"Two female faculty members of UC Merced's SSHA have been named the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation chairs..." Click the link for more information.

[Read More](#)

Undocumented Bobcats Find Support on Campus and Through One Another

To learn more about Services of Undocumented Students (SUS), the experience from the staffers, and the services they provide, follow the link below.

[Read More](#)

Documentary on Refuge Experience to Premiere at UC Merced and Abroad

"Global arts Professor Yehuda Sharim's 2019 documentary 'Songs That Never End' will continue to be screened at several international venues..." Find out more by referring to the link below.

[Read More](#)

December Events



Writing Tutor Every Monday

Session 1: 10:00am - 12:00pm

- **Zoom Meeting ID:** 922 4516 2316

Session 2: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

- **Zoom Meeting ID:** 934 8676 6017

Our writing tutor, Deseret Weeks, has standing office hours each week for students to seek help and guidance.

Deseret is also available to help by appointment. To schedule a session, email gradtutor@ucmerced.edu and put "writing" in the header.



Statistics Tutor Every Monday and Wednesday 10:00am - 1:00pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 980 7159 0092
Passcode: 404897

Our statistics tutor, Pradyumna Lanka, has standing office hours each week for students to seek help and guidance.

Pradyumna is also available to help by appointment. To schedule a session, email gradtutor@ucmerced.edu and put "stats" in the header.



CAPS Graduate Student Support Group Every Thursday 4:00pm - 4:45pm

The Graduate Student Support Group is open to graduate students and provides a free, confidential space. It is not a therapy group but a safe place assist in improving your graduate student experience. Facilitated by Dr. Shao Li.

RVSP Link: [Click Here!](#)



CAPS International Graduate Student Support Group Every Other Wednesday 4:00pm - 4:45pm

This group will provide information on cultural adjustment as it relates to your experiences, explore the nature of taking care of yourself with others, pursuing academic success, sharing resources, forming your own relationships and community, and coping with stress, sadness, loneliness and other challenges.

RVSP Link: [Click Here!](#)

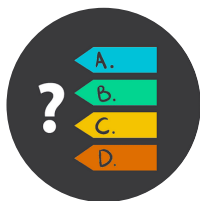


GEARS: Managing your Digital/Internet Profile December 1, 2020 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 926 5348 4947

Topics:

Digital tattoos; PLUS Do some cyber sleuthing and find five websites to serve as good examples of what you would like to have on your own, and three websites that you think are not as effective



Trivia Night with the GSA

December 3, 2020

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Think you know it all? Well come prove it at Thursday's Trivia Night! Join as an individual and compete against fellow graduate students from across the campus. Trivia winners will receive a \$25.00 gift card of their choosing (winners can only win once). Hope to see you there!

Check your email for access to the meeting location!



Graduate Student Writing Group

December 9, 2020

Graduate Student Association (GSA) has partnered with the Graduate Division to provide a virtual weekly writing group for the UC Merced graduate community. The Graduate Writing Group provides graduate students with writing support and accountability. Writing sessions will include an accountability check-in for students to set and share writing goals and a check-out to share what was completed during the writing time. Sessions will be divided into 25-minute writing intervals followed by a 5-minute break. Writer's will be muted and kept on camera mode to ensure everyone is working to reach their writing goal. Students who attend the writing group will have their name entered into a giveaway drawing.



Virtual Winter Dissertation Bootcamp

Apply by:

Sunday, December 6th by 12:00pm

Dissertation Boot Camp is designed to provide dedicated writing space and time to a cohort of graduate students who would benefit from a structured, supportive writing community.

Activities Include:

- Virtual daily check-ins and check-outs
- Peer feedback
- Access to writing editors along with feedback
- Discussion of writing best practices based on resources provided

Criteria for Participation:

- Students have one or more writing tasks and can dedicate the full week of time to make progress. Writing tasks include the dissertation, dissertation proposal, qualifying exam, journal articles, book chapters, conference proceedings, and grant/fellowship proposals.
- If more students apply than there are seats available, preference will be given to Ph.D. students nearing completion of their degree, students working on their dissertations, and students who have not participated in Boot Camp more than once before.
- Participants are expected to be available for the whole week, with some allowance for other meetings and prior obligations.

Registration:

If you wish to participate, please [submit your application online here](#) no later than Sunday, December 6th by 12pm (midnight). You will be contacted the week of December 7th.



Volunteer for Valle

Apply by:

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Get mentoring, experience, and a network of tech-interested peers and friends through weekly meetings and special events.

After being a member of the innovative network, ¡Valle!, you will:

- Build experience in research
- Gain tech skills and learn cool tools
- Increase your confidence
- Practice networking skills
- Prep application materials and a research portfolio to research experiences, graduate school, internships and jobs
- Get insights into the many opportunities open to YOU

¡Valle! aims to foster diversity by increasing the accessibility of historically underrepresented students in STEM to research experiences, graduate school, and careers in technology. The program is extended, but not limited, to underrepresented minorities, women, first-generation college students, educationally or financially disadvantaged students, and students with disabilities. First and second year students are encouraged to apply. All applicants will be considered without regard to race or gender.

More information: <https://citris.ucmerced.edu/valle>



Fall Commencement Ceremony

December 19, 2020

Congratulation to all SSHA Fall graduates on your well-deserved success here at the University of California, Merced!

[Click here](#) for more information about the Commencement Ceremony.



Student Resources



Attending graduate school is both exciting and challenging and we strive to provide you with as many resources as possibly. Below are resources to other unites across campus and information regarding COVID-19 resources.



COVID-19 Resources



Emergency Funds and Housing



Counseling and Psychological Service



Basic Needs Security



Calvin E. Bright Success Center



Health Services